NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Eagle Lake Black Bass (LAC 76:VII.169)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (*Micropterus spp.*) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing §169. Black Bass Regulations, Eagle Lake

The size regulation for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana is as follows:

It shall be unlawful to take or possess, while on the water or while fishing in the water, black bass less than 14 inches total length on Eagle Lake, located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana. This rule will expire at midnight, December 31, 1998.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25)(a), 325(C), 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19:909 (July 1993), amended LR 21:477 (May 1995), LR 22:

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the amended rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 4, 1996.

Perry Gisclair Chairman

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Eagle Lake Black Bass

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no implementation costs. Enforcement of the proposed rule will be carried out using existing staff. Madison Parish Enforcement Agents are presently employed to patrol Eagle Lake as part of their duties.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will effect no changes in estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no immediate effect on competition and employment in this state.

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